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Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers

Bakersfield is to have free delivery of mails from May 1.

The Visalia Milling Company has just shipped 50 barrels of flour to Hongkong, China.

"Old Gerome," an Indian of Calaveras county, who has just died, is said to have been 110 years old.

An agent of the S. P. C. A., is expected in Bakersfield soon, to organize bands of mercy in the public schools. February 26th.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 2.—Four men were killed at the Mount Pleasant mine today. A mining car broke, and they fell 75 feet.

City Veterinarian Pierce of Oakland, has found honey on sale in that city which, it is alleged, is composed almost entirely of glucose.

Three-fourths of the cycl-repair shops of Portland, Or., have signed an agreement to charge 35 per cent. more for repairing than heretofore.

President Buell of the San Joaquin Valley Commercial Association has designated Senator Smith as a committee of one to investigate and report on the oiling of roads.

But fourteen miles now remain to be completed on the Valley Railroad to connect Stockton and Port Richmond, and grading on this section has been finished. Nothing remains to be done but to put down ties and rails.

A little over a year ago Bakersfield had practically no sidewalks at all. Today, with those finished, building and contacted for, the town has twelve and one-third miles of sidewalks, all concrete excepting twenty blocks.

PRESCOTT (Ariz.) March 1.—Free mail delivery service was inaugurated at Prescott today. This is the third town in the Territory to enjoy this advantage. Two regular carriers and one substitute constitute the force.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, on invitation of Phoebe Hearst, Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Miss Jewett, president of the Associated Women Students on Wednesday, addressed the young women of Berkeley at Hearst Hall.

Bakersfield is setting out to have plenty of parks. Mrs. Bernard has donated five and one-third blocks and the P. I. Company ten and two-thirds along Eastside Canal, to be called Eastside Park; J. S. Drury has reserved four blocks in the Drury addition, and others have agreed to give a like area south of Central avenue.

The experiment is being tried at Stockton of hardening the gravel about the station platforms with crude petroleum was merely poured over the surface, on another the surface, to a depth of four inches, was dug up, thoroughly mixed with the oil and then tamped down again. Results will be compared.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26.—C. A. Wahlstrom, a freight train conductor in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad running between Wadsworth, Nev., and Truckee, is ill at the latter place with smallpox. As soon as the nature of his illness was determined, he was placed in quarantine.

It is reported that the Puget Sound salmon packers have recently held a number of conferences and that the projected combination of all the packers is now practically assured. The purpose of the combine, it is said is to control the price of the Puget Sound pack and to reduce the running expenses of the canneries.

Prince Poniatowski has concluded a deal for the purchase of a large amount of land on the island of Basilan, near Mindanao, in the Philippines. The land carries valuable franchises granted by Spain. The deal represents an expenditure of \$500,000. The prince will form a syndicate to develop the property. The Crookers will be included in the company.

President Dorey of the Associated Students of the University of California has addressed a severe homily to the students on their rudeness to Mrs. Hearst, many of them having repeatedly omitted to acknowledge invitations to the receptions given by her at Hearst Hall, and some having gone so far as to give away their cards to other students, and even outsiders.

The Kern Automobile Transportation Company is offering stock for sale at \$1 a share. During their visit of inspection to San Francisco, the representatives of the company were much pleased with a wide-gauge machine run by gasoline. They have received offers from the manufacturers to build the vehicles desired, and have them ready for delivery within sixty days.

The Historical Society of Wisconsin is trying to locate the grave of William S. Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, who did much for the early development of the copper and lead mining industries in Wisconsin. He died and was buried on a ranch near Red Bluff, Tehama county, Cal., but the monument and grave parted company some years ago, and neither can now be discovered.

There will be meets with Cornell, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Princeton, and possibly Yale and Chicago. The University of California team will also compete in the Mott Haven games. A team will be chosen by the American Athletic Association to be sent to the Paris Exposition. California may count on one man, and possibly two. The Californians will make their headquarters at Princeton.

In the Fair-Craven trial, Mrs. Craven said that the dead senator had provided for her, financially, "as any good husband would." In proof of her marriage to Fair, the plaintiff produced an affidavit made by Justice Simpton of Sausalito, in which the justice swore that he married the couple. She had kept the marriage secret, she said, because of an agreement to that effect between herself and Fair.

General William H. L. Barnes and Mrs. Anna M. Scott of San Francisco, his housekeeper, were married at New York Monday, Feb. 26. The ceremony was performed at the home of John S. Barnes, brother of General Barnes, at 22 East Forty-Eighth street, and was very quietly solemnized. The bride and groom journeyed together across the continent, according to the story told by relatives here, merely to satisfy the sentimental desire of the lawyer and politician to be married in his old home.

Six hundred thousand dollars' worth of American goods was shipped to the Orient on the Japanese liner Tosa Maru, from Seattle. The cargo of 6,000 tons is composed principally of cotton and flour. In the general cargo is 13 tons of Montana silver, shipped as a commodity to the Russo-Chinese bank of Shanghai. It is the product of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company's Montana mines. This enormous bulk of white metal is listed at a value of \$200,000.

Considerable excitement was caused at Salinas by a report that a man in jail, charged with horse stealing, was no other than Dunham, the San Jose murderer, the man stole a horse here two weeks ago and was captured in Hanford. He gives his name as Ashton, but many people who have seen him assert that he looks greatly like Dunham. The whole story was exploded by Constable John Frost, who knew Dunham well, and asserts that the prisoner is at least 10 years too young.

President McKinley has selected two of the three new members of the Philippine commission. They are Henry E. Ide of Vermont and Luke E. Wright of Tennessee. The fifth and last member has not been selected, and the president is said to be seeking to find a satisfactory man on the Pacific Coast. It is said Bernard Moses of California is slated for the appointment. Messrs. Ide and Wright are Democrats. The two members previously selected, Messrs. Taft of Ohio and Worcester of Michigan, are Republicans.

The California Club now has on file endorsements of its action regarding the big trees, from the Merchants' Club the Pacific Union, University and Olympic Clubs, the California Water and Forest Society, the University of California and Leland Stanford and all the large organizations in San Francisco and adjoining cities. Mrs. A. D. Sharon, one of the most active members of the club, who is at present in Washington, has called on the president with regard to the matter, and feels sure that he will not withhold his sanction for the most that the lawmakers may do.

Diseased Cows Ordered Killed.

SACRAMENTO, March 2.—The State Hospital Commission today ordered forty-nine cows in the dairy herd at the Stockton asylum destroyed. Of the sixty cows recently subjected to the tuberculin test by State Veterinary Blemer, forty-nine reacted under the test and the board was today notified of that fact.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The News of the State, Nation and the World

MOST INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

From Everywhere will be found in this Column. Items that Interest Everybody

TEHERAN, Persia, March 2.—British influence in Persia has now been completely obscured by the intrigues of the Russians, and a collision between the two powers in the near future is believed to be inevitable.

FRANKFORT (Ky.), Feb. 28.—The Ward Bill, which appropriates \$100,000 to be put in the hands of a committee to be expended by that committee in an effort to detect and convict the assassin of Gov. William Goebel, was passed today by the House by a strict vote of 52 to 35.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Peking says:

"John Fowler, United States consul at Che Foo, province of Shan Tung, announces that 4,000 native troops have gathered on the border route of the new German railway to await the arrival of the German troops. The natives are determined to resist the construction of the railroad."

MANILA, March 1.—Yesterday twenty-five bandits crossed the Pasig and raided Santa Ana, which is only four miles from Manila. They were dispersed by residents of the town.

Brig.-Gen. Funston recently marched a force from San Isidro to Baler, the scene of Lelut. Gilmore's capture, for the purpose of garrisoning that place. He returned to Manila today by water, and reports everything quiet along the east coast.

Stockton Mail: Mrs. Lawton was in luck. The widow of gallant old Colonel Egbert, of the Twenty-second Infantry, who was killed last March, is supporting herself and five children by keeping a boarding house in Manila. The widow and mother of the late Captain Gridley of the Olympia have nothing. The two Caprons, father and son, who were killed at Santiago, both left widows and children who are destitute and dependent upon a brother-in-law, who is himself a poor man. Captain Bogardus Eldridge, who was killed in action in Luzon, left a widow, who is the guest of friends at Vancouver barracks, Washington, in destitute circumstances. Colonel John D. Milev, Second artillery, who was chief of staff to General Shafter at the battle of Santiago, left a widow and three children nearly destitute. Colonel John M. Stotzenburg of the Nebraska regiment was killed in action last April, left a large family, which is now at Lincoln, Neb., without means. There are many others, and if they receive pensions the allowance will not be more than \$30 or \$40 a month.

GILMORE COMING HOME. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Lieut. J. C. Gilmore, the leader of the Yorktown little band, who were held captive by the Filipinos for so many months, has started on his way home from Manila on the Solano.

New York's Coldest Day.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The temperature this morning registered 4 deg. above zero making the coldest 27th of February in the records of the weather bureau. The next coldest day this winter was 7 deg. above zero, February 21. The same date last year the temperature was 38 deg.

Boers' First Mistake.

NEW YORK March 1.—The Boers appear to have committed their first serious mistake in the retreat from Kimberly by attempting to cross immediately in front of the British forces to reach Bloemfontein. Their line of retreat should have been by way of Boshof, which line they should have made sure to keep open, and thence to Brandfort or Windberg.

CRONJE TAKEN BY ROBERTS.

Whole Force Gives Up Unconditionally. PAARDEBERG.—Lord Roberts cables: Gen. Cronje and all of his force capitulated unconditionally at daylight, and is now a prisoner in my camp. The strength of his force will be communicated later. I hope that Her Majesty's government will consider

this event satisfactory, occurring as it does on the anniversary of Majuba.

AGUINALDO'S ENVOY.

NEW YORK, March 1.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says that the Filipino junta there announces that a special envoy from Aguinaldo will arrive in Paris in March and will go thence to London and Berlin, to seek funds for the continuation of the struggle against American supremacy. It is declared that guerrilla warfare will be continued and it is hinted that assurances of money to continue the fight have been received from Europe.

The Telephone Trust.

BOSTON, March 2.—The completion of a deal whereby the Erie telephone system, the largest Bell system in the United States, passed into the hands of the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America was announced today. The Erie controls five branches operating in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Arkansas, Texas and a part of Ohio and employs \$22,000,000 capital.

LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

Buller Captures Pieter's Hill and Can Go Forward.

LONDON, March 1, 9:52 a. m.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller:

"Lyttelton's Headquarters, March 1, 9:05 morning.—Gen. Dundonald, with the Natal Carbineers and a composite regiment entered Ladysmith last night. The country between me and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. I am moving on Nelthorpe."

Not So Funny For Officials.

FRANKFORT (Ky.), March 2.—Two State governments, completely officered and each claiming to be the regular and legal officials, are in Frankfort today, and will remain, each claiming the right to administer the affairs of State until the question is adjudicated in the courts.

The only ludicrous thing about the contests came into the situation today. As anticipated the banks refused to recognize either of the contending factions, and as a result, both are without money, and the State funds are as securely tied up as they could be.

SHOOT AMERICAN PRISONERS.

PARIS, March 1.—Agoncillo is out with a bloodthirsty threat against the lives of American prisoners now in the hands of the bandits of Luzon. He says:

"Our American prisoners now number forty-nine. What would the Yankee say, if in reply to McKinley's recent manifesto declaring the war in the archipelago terminated, we were to have our American prisoners shot as a means of showing that the war is not terminated? On the contrary, the war will be conducted with more fury than ever. Independence or death is the slogan of 60,000 men who make up the army of patriots."

Will Oppose Imperialism.

In St. Louis Senator J. K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, said in an interview on the issue of the campaign: "The democratic party will be opposed to imperialism, and by that I mean the acquisition of territory remote from this country and its government, either as a part of the United States or as colonies. The democratic party has always favored the extension of our commerce, while the republican party, by its protective policy, has always opposed and discouraged it. The democratic party will continue to favor every legitimate means of expanding and extending the commerce of the United States."

Tide Turns for Rockefeller.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. who has entered the financial world under the tutelage of his father and Jim Keene, is credited, in Wall street, with having succeeded in picking up his first paltry \$1,000,000 in independent speculation. The young man made his debut in leather a few months ago. He took it up when it was very low and forced it up to a very high figure. Then there was a sudden drop and Wall street found that the young operator had been nipped despite the fact that he had the indirect backing of the largest financial combination in the world. It is difficult to break a man with such backing, and young Rockefeller hung on, with the result that he now wins.

In the house the democrats scored their first victory of the session on a motion to take up a contested election case.

MINES AND MINING.

There are 8434 mines reported to be in operation in Montana.

All work at the Harqua Hala mines in Yuma county, Ariz., has been stopped.

The copper production of the United States for last month (January) is reported at 21,017 long tons, an increase of 1850 tons over the production of January, 1899.

A copper mine is being opened at Encinitas, according to the San Diego Union. A fifty-four-foot shaft has been sunk on the ledge and a contract for another hundred feet let.

Much coarse placer gold has been taken from England Gulch, a few miles south of Prescott, Ariz. Some nuggets taken from that gulch have ranged as high as \$50 each in value.

Several San Diego and National City people have become interested in an electrical process for extracting gold from ore, and tailings invented by E. Baker of National City, and are about to put it to the test. It is claimed that the process is so economical that it makes possible the working of millions of tons of low-grade ore now going to waste.

The Kearsarge mine on the west side of Owens Valley, 14 miles from Independence, will be opened up shortly. A 1500-foot tunnel will tap the five veins. Burleigh drills will be used, and a new mill and cyanide plant will be erected on the property. The mines will be worked by San Francisco capitalists under the superintendence of J. S. Johnson.

In discussing the work of the newly-formed Portland Mining Stock Exchange, the Oregonian notes that the State's quartz mines are reported to be yielding \$5000 a day, the placer mines \$7500 a day, and that shipments of sulphurets of which no account is kept, amount to \$500,000 a year. According to a report made to the Seattle assay office, the State had, at the beginning of the year, 533 stamps, 500 of which were working, while 150 more were being put in.

THE DALE DISTRICT.

News from the Virginia Dale district, San Bernardino county, Cal., is encouraging. At the Supply mine by cross-cutting the ledge in the face of the drift at the 130-foot level, and which will mill between \$10 and \$12 per ton.

In the O. K. mine, in sinking from the 250 to the 300-foot level, they have about three feet of ore in the shaft all the way on the hanging-wall, which assays \$45 per ton.

MOJAVE COUNTY (ARIZ.) EXHIBIT.

The best display of ores at the Los Angeles Exposition, was by all odds, that from Mojave county, Ariz. It was not only the largest, but it was the most attractive, and will do much toward giving visitors to the exposition an excellent idea of the great mineral wealth of that county, and prompt them to learn more about it. There were exhibits from seventy mines, and which comprise gold, silver and lead ores, some specimens of these latter being particularly handsome. In addition to the specimens sent from these mines are two cabinets containing selected ores from Mineral Park, in Mojave county, and which to see are almost worth a visit to the exposition. One of these cabinets contains samples of ores from the Rural mine, the other one samples from the Buckeye mine. In this latter collection was a big lump of ore, showing masses of wire silver, which, with the gold values, runs as high as \$10,000 per ton.

RAND DISTRICT.

A report from Randsburg, Cal., states that negotiations are being completed for the sale of the Buckboard mines to Los Angeles and Riverside parties. The price mentioned is \$100,000, of which \$30,000 was to be paid cash. The Buckboard properties are considered as being among the best in the Rand district, and it is believed will, under development, prove even more valuable than the Yellow Aster mines. The Buckboard is opened up by a shaft 265 feet deep, at the bottom of which the drifts open up a body of ore fourteen feet wide, ten feet of which averages \$19 to the ton. One five-stamp battery of the Johannesburg mill is running night and day on ore from this mill. The richest run made in the district for a long time was one made a few days ago at the Kinyon mill on a one and one-half ton lot from the Bully Boy claim in the Stringer district, which went over \$400 to the ton. This mill is being worked under a lease held by Messrs. Huff & Green.